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Farms and Land in farms

In 2009, farms in Oregon were estimated at 38,600, the same level as in 2008. A farm is “any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year.” Land in farms stayed steady at 16.4 million acres. Land in farms consists of agricultural land used for crops, pasture, or grazing. Also included is woodland and wasteland not actually under cultivation or used for pasture or grazing, provided it was part of the farm operator's total operation. Land in farms includes acres in the Conservation Reserve, Wetlands Reserve Programs, or other government programs.

The number of farms in the United States in 2009 is estimated at 2.2 million, virtually unchanged from 2008. Total land in farms, at 919.8 million acres, decreased 110 thousand acres from 2008. The average farm size is 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year.

Number of farms and land in farms, Oregon and the United States, 1995-2009 ¹

Year	Oregon			United States		
	Number of farms	Land in farms	Average size of farm	Number of farms	Land in farms	Average size of farm
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1995	38.5	17,500	455	2,196	962,515	438
1996	38.5	17,500	455	2,191	958,675	438
1997	39.0	17,500	449	2,191	956,010	436
1998	39.5	17,300	438	2,192	952,080	434
1999	40.0	17,300	433	2,187	948,460	434
2000	40.0	17,300	433	2,167	945,080	436
2001	40.0	17,200	430	2,149	942,070	438
2002	40.0	17,200	430	2,135	940,300	440
2003	40.0	17,100	430	2,127	936,750	441
2004	40.0	17,000	430	2,113	932,260	443
2005	40.0	16,700	428	2,099	927,940	445
2006	39.3	16,600	435	2,089	925,790	446
2007	38.6	16,400	425	2,205	921,460	418
2008	38.6	16,400	425	2,200	919,900	418
2009	38.6	16,400	425	2,200	919,800	418

¹ A farm is defined as any place that sells or would normally sell \$1,000 worth of agricultural products or receives at least \$1,000 in farm program payments.

Prices received by farmers, selected commodities, Oregon and United States

Commodity	Unit	Oregon			United States		
		Entire month		Preliminary	Entire month		Preliminary
		Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Field crops							
Wheat, all	Bu	5.65	4.73	4.57	5.79	4.92	4.67
Wheat, winter	Bu	5.48	4.69	4.50	5.26	4.68	4.36
Wheat, spring	Bu	6.48	5.07	5.00	6.61	5.29	5.14
Barley	Bu	2.75	2.56	2.90	4.99	4.73	4.25
Oats	Bu	*	*	*	2.69	2.18	2.13
Hay, all (baled) ²	Ton	173.00	141.00	127.00	131.00	109.00	107.00
Hay, alfalfa (baled) ²	Ton	167.00	130.00	110.00	141.00	113.00	111.00
Hay, other (baled) ²	Ton	184.00	172.00	176.00	108.00	99.60	97.10
Potatoes	cwt	9.20	7.05	7.30	8.87	7.17	6.99
Vegetables and fruits ¹							
Onions, fresh ³	cwt	-	-	-	8.44	11.90	13.70
Sweet corn, fresh ³	cwt	-	-	-	46.40	37.80	56.60
Pears, fresh	Ton	-	-	-	473.00	404.00	391.00
Apples, fresh	Lb	-	-	-	0.237	0.296	0.296
Strawberries, fresh	cwt	-	-	-	128.00	218.00	155.00
Livestock and livestock products							
Cows ⁴	cwt	41.00	48.00	51.00	43.60	47.90	50.50
Steers and heifers	cwt	82.00	85.00	85.00	83.80	87.50	89.40
Beef cattle ⁵	cwt	73.80	81.30	79.90	78.90	82.10	84.40
Calves	cwt	99.00	101.00	109.00	104.00	109.00	111.00
Lambs ⁶	cwt	96.00	90.00	-	100.00	102.00	-
Sheep ⁶	cwt	44.00	60.00	-	31.40	52.40	-
Milk, all ⁷	cwt	12.30	17.20	17.00	11.60	16.10	15.90
Fat test percent	Pct	3.74	3.78	3.75	3.73	3.77	3.73
Eggs, all ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	0.809	1.030	0.917
Eggs, market ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	0.639	0.905	0.775

* Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms or insufficient sales reported to establish a price. ¹ Oregon not published monthly.

² Most recent price is a mid-month price. ³ F.O.B. shipping point. ⁴ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. ⁵ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. ⁶ Entire month. ⁷ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

Index summary table

Indexes/Ratios	1910-14=100		1990-92=100	
	Feb 2009	Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Feb 2010
	United States			
Prices received	798	846	126	133
Prices paid	2,382	2,460	179	185
Ratio ¹	-	-	70	72
Parity Ratio ²	34	34	-	-
Commodity group	Oregon			
	Feb 2009	Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Feb 2010
	United States			
All farm products	816	819	138	137
All crops	831	795	148	141
Livestock ³	767	899	105	123

¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

² Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-14=100)

³ Includes livestock and livestock products.

Feed price ratios: United States, February 2010

Feed price ratio ^{1 2}	2009	2010	
	Feb	Jan *	Feb
Broiler Feed	4.4	4.5	4.6
Market egg feed	7.0	10.1	9.1
Hog-corn	11.3	13.2	13.9
Milk-feed	1.51	2.31	2.38
Steer and heifer-corn	21.7	23.9	25.9
Turkey-feed	4.6	4.8	5.3

¹ Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current US prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

² Feed price ratio definitions are available in the national release.

* Revised.

Farm Labor

There were 767,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 10-16, 2010, down 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 587,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 180,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.06 per hour during the January 2010 reference week, up 13 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.14 per hour, up 18 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.26 per hour compared with \$10.27 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.19 per hour, was up 11 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 37.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Hired workers: Number, hours worked and wage rates, selected regions and United States
Weeks of January, 2009 and January 10-16, 2010¹

United States and region		Hired workers				Type of worker			Wage rates for all hired workers
		Number of workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Field	Livestock	Field and livestock	
			150 days or more	149 days or less					
		<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Hours per week</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>
Pacific ²	2009	52	39	13	37.8	10.35	9.48	10.25	11.40
	2010	52	43	9	37.0	9.77	10.55	9.95	11.05
Mountain I ³	2009	15	13	2	40.0	11.49	10.65	10.85	11.50
	2010	16	14	2	40.0	11.53	10.55	10.82	11.24
California	2009	132	112	20	41.3	9.80	10.95	10.09	11.15
	2010	114	98	16	42.2	10.50	11.05	10.64	11.68
United States ⁴	2009	595	497	98	38.3	9.96	10.27	10.08	10.93
	2010	587	501	86	37.3	10.14	10.26	10.19	11.06

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers.

² Includes Oregon and Washington.

³ Includes Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

⁴ Excludes Alaska.

Trout: Value of fish, selected states, and United States 2008-2009

State	Value of sales and distribution			
	Total fish sales		Value of distributed fish	
	2008 ¹	2009	2008 ¹	2009
	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
OR	952	829	4,252	3,471
CA	8,318	5,270	15,268	12,046
ID	35,583	36,313	7,271	5,582
WA	5,805	2,537	9,154	10,053
US ²	79,971	76,913	102,593	100,330
US ³	86,618	84,364	*	*

¹ Revised.

² Excludes the value of eggs.

³ Includes the value of eggs.

* Beginning with 2008 data, total value of distributed fish will no longer be published.

Oregon Honey Production down 13 percent

Despite more colonies producing honey in 2009, Oregon production was down 13 percent. Colonies in production were up 5,000 to 55,000. Average yield was down 21 percent to 34 pounds per colony. Overall production totaled 1.87 million pounds. Average price received per pound was up 8 cents in 2009, to 149 cents per pound.

US honey production in 2009 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 144 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2008. There were 2.46 million colonies producing honey in 2009, up 5 percent from 2008. Yield per colony averaged 58.5 pounds, down 16 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2008, and is the lowest yield since 1989. Honey prices increased to a record high during 2009 to 144.5 cents, up 2 percent from 142.1 cents in 2008.

Honey: Number of colonies, production and value, selected states, 2008-2009 ¹

State	Honey producing colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Average price per pound ²	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Oregon	50	55	43	34	2,150	1,870	141	149
California	360	355	51	33	18,360	11,715	139	139
Idaho	90	103	40	46	3,600	4,738	146	145
Washington	49	62	44	44	2,156	2,728	151	149
United States	2,342	2,462	69.9	58.5	163,789	144,108	142.1	144.5

¹ For producers with five or more colonies.

² Prices weighted by sales.

Chickens and eggs: Inventory, value and production, Oregon and United States, 2008-2009 ¹

Year	December 1 ²			Dec. 1, previous year through Nov 30		
	Number	Value per head	Total value	Avg. number of layers	Eggs per layer ³	Total egg production
	Oregon					
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>
2008	2,957	2.10	6,210	2,568	300	769
2009	2,788	2.80	7,806	2,413	303	732
	United States					
2008	446,906	3.39	1,517,210	339,131	266	90,040
2009	449,610	3.34	1,501,605	337,376	268	90,359

¹ Total may not add due to rounding.

² Excludes commercial broilers.

³ Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

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